



# National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

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| <b>Location:</b>               | AUGUSTA, ME                       | <b>Accident Number:</b> | IAD98LA019 |
| <b>Date &amp; Time:</b>        | 01/02/1998, 1415 EST              | <b>Registration:</b>    | N9912L     |
| <b>Aircraft:</b>               | Cessna 172P                       | <b>Injuries:</b>        | 2 None     |
| <b>Flight Conducted Under:</b> | Part 91: General Aviation - Ferry |                         |            |

## Analysis

Snow and ice obstructed the taxiway lines. The pilot was taxiing using a row of hangars to his right side to assist in judging the distance from parked airplanes on his left. Focusing right and left, both the pilot and the pilot rated passenger did not notice the vehicle parked in front of the hangars. The pilot applied the brakes, and the airplane impacted the vehicle with the right wing. No mechanical problems were found with the airplane.

## Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be:  
The inadequate lookout of the pilot in command.

## Findings

Occurrence #1: ON GROUND/WATER COLLISION WITH OBJECT  
Phase of Operation: TAXI - FROM LANDING

### Findings

1. OBJECT - VEHICLE
2. (C) VISUAL LOOKOUT - INADEQUATE - PILOT IN COMMAND

## Pilot Information

|                                  |  |                              |      |
|----------------------------------|--|------------------------------|------|
| <b>Certificate:</b>              | Private  | <b>Age:</b>                  | 59   |
| <b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>       | Single-engine Land   | <b>Instrument Rating(s):</b> | None |
| <b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b> | None   | <b>Instructor Rating(s):</b> | None |
| <b>Flight Time:</b>              | 92 hours (Total, all aircraft), 92 hours (Total, this make and model), 43 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft) |                              |      |

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

|                                       |                                   |                             |                 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Aircraft Make:</b>                 | Cessna                            | <b>Registration:</b>        | N9912L          |
| <b>Model/Series:</b>                  | 172P 172P                         | <b>Engines:</b>             | 1 Reciprocating |
| <b>Operator:</b>                      | CIVIL AIR PATROL                  | <b>Engine Manufacturer:</b> | Lycoming        |
| <b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b> | None                              | <b>Engine Model/Series:</b> | O-320           |
| <b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>        | Part 91: General Aviation - Ferry |                             |                 |

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

|   |                        |                                     |                  |
|---|------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Conditions at Accident Site:</b>     | Visual Conditions      | <b>Condition of Light:</b>          | Day              |
| <b>Observation Facility, Elevation:</b> | , 0 ft msl             | <b>Weather Information Source:</b>  | Pilot            |
| <b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>                  | Broken / 4000 ft agl   | <b>Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:</b> | 2 knots / , 330° |
| <b>Temperature:</b>                     | 4° C                   | <b>Visibility</b>                   | 10 Miles         |
| <b>Precipitation and Obscuration:</b>   |                        |                                     |                  |
| <b>Departure Point:</b>                 | PRESQUE ISLE, ME (PQI) | <b>Destination:</b>                 | (AUG)            |

## Airport Information

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Airport:</b>             | AUGUSTA STATE AIRPORT (AUG) | <b>Runway Surface Type:</b>      |                 |
| <b>Runway Used:</b>         | 0                           | <b>Runway Surface Condition:</b> | Snow--compacted |
| <b>Runway Length/Width:</b> |                             |                                  |                 |

## Wreckage and Impact Information

|                             |        |                            |             |
|-----------------------------|--------|----------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Crew Injuries:</b>       | 1 None | <b>Aircraft Damage:</b>    | Substantial |
| <b>Passenger Injuries:</b>  | 1 None | <b>Aircraft Fire:</b>      | None        |
| <b>Ground Injuries:</b>     | N/A    | <b>Aircraft Explosion:</b> | None        |
| <b>Latitude, Longitude:</b> |        |                            |             |

## Administrative Information

|                                      |  |                      |            |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------|------------|
| <b>Investigator In Charge (IIC):</b> | JIM CAIN   | <b>Adopted Date:</b> | 02/16/2001 |
| <b>Investigation Docket:</b>         | NTSB accident and incident dockets serve as permanent archival information for the NTSB's investigations. Dockets released prior to June 1, 2009 are publicly available from the NTSB's Record Management Division at <a href="mailto:pubinq@ntsb.gov">pubinq@ntsb.gov</a> , or at 800-877-6799. Dockets released after this date are available at <a href="http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/">http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/</a> . |                      |            |

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